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SUBJ: BEGIN VISIT
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1. I BRIEFED CEAUSESCU ON THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AUGUST 22. HE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF OUR PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION AND SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT WE WERE GIVEN A BRIEFING ON HIS EVALUATION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AFTER HIS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN.

2. IN ADDITION, HE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: HIS OWN POSITION IS QUITE CLOSE TO THAT OF THE SECRETARY'S, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF TRYING TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE PARTIES PRIOR TO GENEVA. HE HAS TAKEN THE SAME APPROACH OF URGING PROGRESS NOW IN HIS TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS AND HE FEELS THEY ARE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

3. HE BELIEVES THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE NEEDS TO BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT BE PREPARED AS WELL AS POSSIBLE AT THE SAME TIME, AND IN THAT CONTEXT THINKS THAT EVEN CLOSER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
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SOVIETS WOULD BE USEFUL GIVEN THEIR ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL ROLE IN THE AREA.

4. ON PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION, HE THINKS THE IDEA OF A UNIFIED ARAB DELEGATION HAS SOME PROMISE. PERHAPS IT WOULD BETTER TAKE THE FORM OF A FEDERATION AS IT WERE OF DELEGATIONS, GIVEN THE FACT

THAT EVENTUALLY EACH DELEGATION, INCLUDING ANY PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION, IS GOING TO HAVE TO HANDLE SOME PROBLEMS DIRECTLY AND SEPARATELY WITH THE ISRAELIS (CEAUSESCU HAS THE IMPRESSION TOO THAT THE ARABAS ARE TENDING TOWARD A CONSENSUS ON THIS QUESTION).

5. CEAUSESCU SAID HE INTENDS TO DO HIS BEST TO CONVINC BEGIN THAT THE SAFEST FRONTIERS ARE THOSE WITH NEIGHBORS WITH WHOM YOU HAVE GOOD RELATIONS AND NOT A FEW KILOMETERS OF LAND HERE OR THERE. BARNES

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